

Bristol Town Administrator

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Dear Municipal Officials:

As many of you are aware, there is pending legislation before the state legislature that would establish a commercial cannabis marketplace in Vermont. S.54, an act relating to the regulation of cannabis, passed the Senate last year and is currently working its way through the relevant House committees. Legislative leadership has expressed a desire to take up S.54 very soon after returning to Montpelier in January.

Over the years, VLCT has followed and testified to the interests of Vermont municipalities as they relate to a regulated commercial market for recreational cannabis. After having learned from municipalities in states that have a taxed and regulated system in place, VLCT has advocated for all the necessary authority, autonomy, resources and taxing power at the local level.

VLCT has significant concerns with the current version of S.54 and potential amendments that will be considered when the legislature returns in January.

The resolution we are asking all cities, towns and villages to consider, support, and circulate to representatives and senators in your districts before the 2020 legislative session begins can be found [here](#). VLCT Advocacy would also appreciate a PDF copy of your signed resolutions of support.

If you have any questions regarding S.54 and its impacts on municipalities, please contact Gwynn Zakov at gzakov@vlct.org. We also recommend you read [this VLCT News article](#) that outline the details of the bill. We appreciate your commitment to informing your legislators of your municipality's needs. Thank you for your efforts and service to local government.



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